

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. A method for the treatment of scarring on the skin which comprises applying to the treatment area a pharmaceutical composition or biomaterial comprised of at least one hyaluronic acid derivative, optionally in association with at least one additional pharmacologically or biologically active compound.
5. The method according to claim 3, wherein said scarring is normotrophic scarring.
6. The method according to claim 3, wherein the hyaluronic acid derivative is an ester of hyaluronic acid wherein a part or all of the carboxy functions are esterified with alcohols of the aliphatic, aromatic, arylaliphatic, cycloaliphatic, and heterocyclic series.
7. The method according to claim 3, wherein the derivative of hyaluronic acid is an autocross-linked ester of hyaluronic acid wherein part or all of the carboxy groups are esterified with the alcoholic functions of the same polysaccharide chain or other chains.
8. The method according to claim 3, wherein the hyaluronic acid derivative is a cross-linked compound of hyaluronic acid wherein part or all of the carboxy groups are esterified with polyalcohols of the aliphatic, aromatic, arylaliphatic, cycloaliphatic heterocyclic series, generating cross-linking by means of spacer chains.
9. The method according to claim 3, wherein the hyaluronic acid derivative is an hemiesters of succinic acid or a heavy metal salt of the hemiester of succinic acid with hyaluronic acid or with partial or total esters of hyaluronic acid.
10. The method according to claim 3, wherein the hyaluronic acid derivative is an O-sulphated or O/N-sulphated derivative.

11. The method according to claim 3, wherein the hyaluronic acid derivative is an amide derivative of hyaluronic acid.
12. The method according to any one of claims 3 and 5-11, wherein the hyaluronic acid derivative is in the form of a gel, guide channel, sponge, non-woven fabric, thread, perforated or non-perforated membrane, microsphere, nanosphere, gauze pad or a combination thereof.
13. The method according to any one of claims 3 and 5-11, wherein the pharmacologically or biologically active substance is an antibiotic, growth factor, antimicotic, antimicrobial, antiviral agent, disinfectant, phospholipid or anaesthetic.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The claims have been amended to correct improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.